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a one-piece basin body comprising: a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall surface and an outer wall surface, and an integral closed bottom at a bottom portion of the cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body to define an open top;

wherein diametrically opposed recesses are formed in the outer wall surface near a top portion thereof, the recesses facilitating handling of the basin during transport and installation.

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18 (amended) A sewage ejector assembly comprising:

a one-piece, molded basin for receiving sewage comprising a basin body, the basin body comprising a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall surface and an outer wall surface and including annular ribs projecting from the outer wall surface, and an integral closed bottom at a bottom portion of the cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body to define an open top, a top portion of the generally cylindrical wall including a flat annular region the basin body; and

a top cover for covering the open top of the basin, an outer lower edge surface of the top cover being sealingly engageable with the flat annular region of the basin, the basin body further comprising a raised annular edge circumferentially surrounding the flat annular region and outer edges of the top cover when engaged with the basin body.

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25. (amended) [The assembly of Claim 20,] A sewage ejector assembly comprising:

a one-piece, molded basin for receiving sewage comprising a basin body, the basin body comprising a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall surface and an outer wall surface and including annular ribs projecting from the outer wall surface, and an integral closed bottom at a bottom portion of the cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body to define an open top, a top portion of the generally cylindrical wall including a flat annular region the basin body; and

a top cover for covering the open top of the basin, an outer lower edge surface of the top cover being sealingly engageable with the first annular region

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of the basin, the basin body further comprising a raised annular edge
circumferentially surrounding the flat annular region and outer edges of the edge
of the top cover when engaged with the basin body;

wherein the top cover includes an outlet opening therein.

30. [The assembly of Claim 20,] A sewage ejector assembly comprising:
a one-piece, molded basin for receiving sewage comprising a basin body,
the basin body comprising a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall
surface and an outer wall surface and including annular ribs projecting from the
outer wall surface, and an integral closed bottom at a bottom portion of the
cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body
to define an open top, a top portion of the generally cylindrical wall including a
flat annular region the basin body; and

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a top cover for covering the open top of the basin, an outer lower edge
surface of the top cover being sealingly engageable with the first annular region
of the basin, the basin body further comprising a raised annular edge
circumferentially surrounding the flat annular region and outer edges of the edge
of the top cover when engaged with the basin body;

wherein an integral annular collar projects from the outer wall surface at a
bottom portion thereof adjacent the closed bottom, and diametrically opposed
recesses are formed in the outer wall near the top portion thereof, the recesses
facilitating handling of the basin during transport and installation.

REMARKS:

Applicant thanks the examiner for his attention to the application and particularly for the indication that Claims 10 through 17 are allowable and that Claims 9, 25, 26 and 30 include allowable subject matter.

The remaining Claims are rejected under either 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Sleasman et al., are Sidaway and Hoffman.

The examiner notes that Sleasman shows an annular collar which when welded as disclosed is integral, and that "molded" is a manufacturing step. Applicant has amended Claim 1 and Claim 20 to recite that the basin body is a one-piece molded body thereby specifically limiting the Claim and the